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## Students Oppose Sorority Abolition

### Majority Oppose Increased Regulation By Administration 6-1



The long disputed results of a student opinion poll on sororities administered last year were finally released to the Reflector last Thursday. Though varied interpretations of the data were possible the summary conclusion was as follows:

(1) The overwhelming majority - 85% of those questioned - recognize the benefits and contributions growing out of sorority life and activity.

(2) Two-thirds of those responding do not see the sorority as causing loss of morale among students. Only five per cent attributed much loss of morale to sorority causes.

(3) Three quarters of the students responding hold that the good that sororities do outweighs the bad. Eleven per cent hold the opposite opinion, namely, that the bad outweighs the good.

(4) The preponderant opinion of the portion of the student body studied opposes any increase in administrative regulation and any suggestion that the sorority system be abolished.

(5) A small minority (5.1%) of the students not invited to sorority membership recall disappointment at their exclusion.

(6) In sum, the sororities as they exist at Newark State have a broad base of popular support among students, non-members as well as members. Great care must therefore be exercised by those who would apply policies in opposition to majority sentiment. A long process of education would be necessary before students would be ready to accept any radical changes.

seven of the 258 questionnaires were not used. Of the 221 used, ninety or 40.7% were from seniors ('55) fifty or 22.6% were from juniors ('56), and eighty-one or 36.7% were taken from sophomores ('57). In general, the questionnaires taken from the upperclassmen contained more opinion. Seniors appear to possess more definite ideas and to hold more concrete opinions on the subject than sophomores.

It will be seen in an examination of Table I that members and non-members of sororities are about evenly divided in the sample.

TABLE I: SORORITY MEMBERSHIP

Class	Members	Invited	Non-members Not invited
'55	48	10	32
'56	32	3	15
'57	28	16	37
Totals	108	29	84

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Throughout the study the only distinctions drawn are between members and non-members. Non-members, whether invited to sorority membership or not, are treated alike.

#### Sororities and their Contribution

The majority of students responding felt that sororities make a contribution to individuals and college.

TABLE II: HOW MUCH DO SORORITIES CONTRIBUTE?

Class	Members	Non-members
	Much Some None	Much Some None
'55	14 31 2	3 28 8
'56	15 15 2	0 8 6
'57	15 12 1	5 27 13
Totals	44 58 5	8 63 27

While the sorority members are more conspicuously aware of the benefits and contributions of (Continued on Page 3)

### D'Angola's Take Leave of Absence

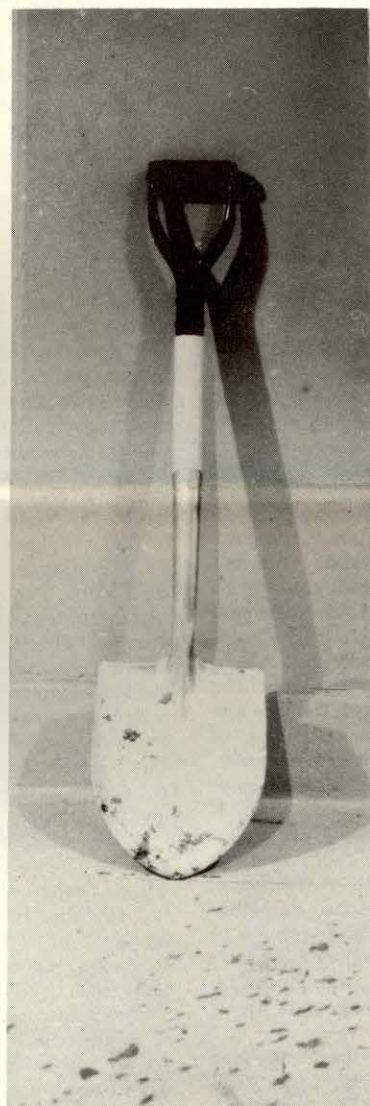
All of Newark's students who have ever had the privilege of taking Phys. Ed. courses taught by Mr. or Mrs. Dan will always remember the fine ideas of good sportsmanship inspired by these two loyal faculty members.

Before joining the faculty of NSTC in February, 1918, Mr. Dan spent three years at Barringer High and three years as Athletic Director and Assistant Phys. Ed. Superintendent in Newark. After 45 years of teaching, 29 of which were spent at Newark State, he has begun a leave of absence on advice of his physician.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan were married in 1918, but it was not until 1921, after having been supervisor of Physical Education in Irvington for a year that Mrs. Dan joined the faculty here as associate to Mr. Dan.

Residents of Maplewood for 26 years, the D'Angolas take great pride in their home which was designed by Mr. Dan. However, when they retire from teaching they plan to construct a home in Vermont where Mr. Dan once owned and directed a recreation club which consisted of golf course, club house, and bungalows. From 1930 to 1956 Mr. Dan directed this club, but after its sale in 1946 he has since spent many happy summers there taking part in the activities. His fondness of the lovely country there and his many friends is the reason for their plans to make this their permanent home.

The D'Angolas keep themselves busy with varied hobbies. Mr. Dan has a fairly complete shop at home and plans to devote more time after retirement to cabinet and furniture work. In reference to his wife's hobby as a cook, Mr. Dan commented, "And to think she couldn't even boil water when we were first married." He quickly added, however, that this was due to her busy schedule of directing a playground and attending Newark Normal School and Savage School of Phys. Ed. in N.Y. which is now part of N.Y.U. Mr. Dan now says that he has a very difficult time reducing because his wife has developed into such an excellent cook. Her wonderful teas, receptions, and counseling parties at the college certainly proved that, Mr. Dan.



### Ground Breaking A Special Feature

On Wednesday, April 18, 1956, the official breaking of ground on the new college site took place. A number of officials connected with the college as well as the surrounding municipalities were present. A representative number of the student body drifted over the grounds and minutely inspected each barn, greenhouse, and panel of the library.

On page three and four we have included as a special feature numerous pictures of the ground breaking exercises.

The afternoon and evening are planned to provide a good time for all attending and from the whispers and rumors overheard, it should prove to be a history making event. Proceeds will be used to start a charity fund and for the new college lounge.

### Spring Carnival-May 3rd Full Schedule Revealed

After weeks of feverish planning, hopeful anticipation and held breaths, the gala event is near at hand. The date is Thursday, May 3, 1956, the time--3:30, the place--Newark State. The event of course is the Spring Carnival. The clubs, organizations, and groups about the college are all participating to make this a successful job. Committees and chairmen are as follows: Finance Committee, Joan Barnitt of the camera club; Programing, Snooky Brown of the women's basketball club; Dance Committee, Bridget Ascolese and Barbara Koch of Nu Theta Chi and Nu Sigma Tau; Publicity, Betty Cheponis and Peggy McCarthy of CCUN and Alpha Theta Pi; Clean-up Committee, Carol Stein of Delta Sigma Pi; College Queen Contest, Barbara Walsh of the REFLECTOR; Building Committee, Louis Molinari of Epsilon Pi Tau; Variety Show, Helaine

Rothstein of ACE-FTA. Other groups will set up booths and take care of refreshments.

Starting the festivities at 3:30 after classes, an exciting and wonderful time is planned until 12:30 the morning of May 4. The schedule is as follows: 3:30--Booths, games and stands in the gym, 4:30--Variety Show in the Auditorium, 5:30--Booths, games and refreshments in the gym, and at 7:30 there will be the Queen Contest Finals announcing the Carnival Queen, 8:00--The Dance, 12:30--The end.

Booster week, April 30 to May 3, will have tickets of "chits" on sale at 10 cents each or for the practical minded, a book of eleven chits for \$1.00. Each section has selected candidates for College Queen and these in turn were limited to one for each class level in the primaries. The finals will not be until the Carnival evening when the Queen will rule.

## Commission Discusses Curriculum Revision

A revision has been undertaken by the State Curriculum Commission, which consists of representatives of all the six State Teachers Colleges in conjunction with the Dept. of Higher Education and the State Board of Education.

There is an advisory council composed of outside representatives of P.T.A., C.I.O., Secondary Association of Classroom Teachers, and representatives of all curriculum subject contacts. They are issued progress reports and advise the commission.

This revision has been worked upon for several years and is now in its final stages.

The curriculum has been cut from 136 semester hours to 128 semester hours. And a new feature of the plan is to include 12 points for elective courses.

The actual program consists of: 48 semester hours of general education which is broken down into the following: 6 semester hours of language communication, 12 semester hours of social science, 12 semester hours of science and math, 12 semester hours of humanities, and 6 semester hours of health and physical education.

There are 12 semester hours of Basic Professional Education - compulsory for all students.

Included also are 38 hours of Specialized Education plus 8 hours of student teaching. There are also 20 hours of additional courses consisting to a great extent of general education courses and 12 hours of electives.

Suggestions have been made to change the titles of the Kindergarten-Primary course to Early Childhood Education and this will include Nursery School Education. The advantages of this new curriculum would be: 1. Autonomy in the six State Teachers Colleges, although they would be permitted some freedom in the selection of courses. 2. Cuts program from 136 to 128 semester hours which is the number of hours required of a typical college in this country. 3. Integration of subject matter. 4. The results of the entrance exams would lessen the chances of repetition in courses where the student has shown excellence and would provide him with the opportunity to acquire an advanced course in a subject in which he excels.



EDITOR'S CORNER

Dr. Eugene Wilkins  
President  
New Jersey State Teachers College  
Newark, New Jersey

April 14, 1956

Dear Dr. Wilkins,  
I would like to thank you and your staff for a most pleasant week I had in your school. Through you, I would like to thank Mr. Evan Richardson, Mr. H. Lepp, Mr. Zimmerman, Dr. Fink, Dr. Gens, Dr. Scanlon, Dr. Whiteman and Mrs. Parr. To the members of the science department I am especially grateful, for they gave part of their time, and they showed me many valuable ideas in science teaching. Mr. Richardson and Mr. Lepp were most kind to give me books and materials in science.

Thank you, too, for giving me an opportunity to talk with some of your students. I would also like to thank you for the tasty lunch I had at your cafeteria, and a chance to eat with you.  
For all of these things, I am most grateful.  
Sincerely yours,  
Josefina A. Vicente  
Philippine Normal College  
Manila, Philippines

(Editor's note - Josephina A. Vincente teaches at the Philippine Normal College, which is a four year institution with an enrollment of 2,000 students. There she is head of the Science Department. Mrs. Vincente's mission in the States is to learn as much as possible about science education for elementary teachers. She was sent by the United States Office of Education in Washington, probably because of the fact that Newark does have a fairly good science program, also, because of the popularity of Mr. Guy Bruce's science pamphlets in the national capital. From Newark, Mrs. Vincente will go on to study at Teachers College, Columbia, then to Albany State Teachers College, Oneonta State Teachers College and Buffalo State Teachers College.

Music Mania

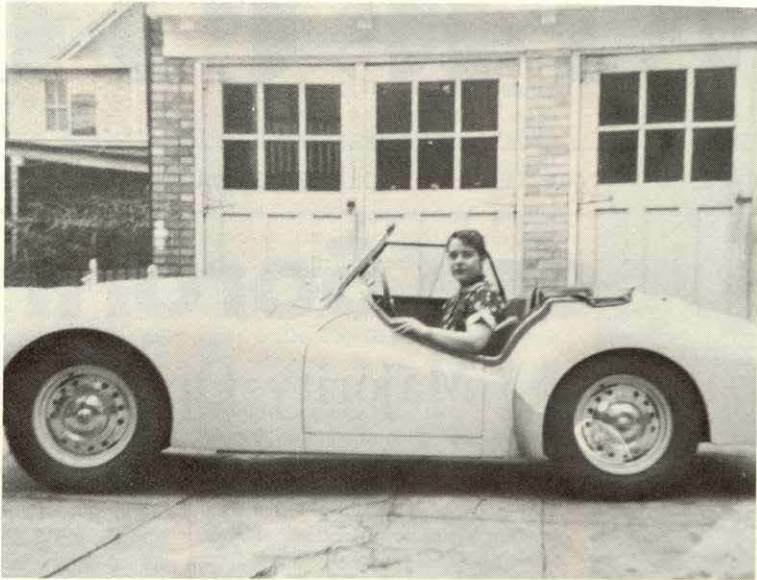
Rita Menblooze and her boyfriend, Rocky Rowle have found a new art form to which they have become ardent devotees.  
It all began less than a month ago when Rocky and Rita had been planning to go to the Plaza Ballroom to hear the king of the offbeat Little Brother Manie and the "Four Maniacs". But Rocky was in for a big surprise. His sweetheart had become culture-conscious overnight. It seems she had heard some radio program or something. What a shock to hear her say, as he walked in the door, "Sit down, Rocky, we're not going to the Plaza. We're staying home tonight to listen to the opera."  
Ah, but Rita was not joking. She had spent fifteen dollars for a long-playing recording of La Tosca. So they put it on the turntable and listened . . . and after the ordeal was over, Rocky had to admit that it was certainly a "new sound."  
Of course, it didn't try his patience too much because Rita doesn't have a speed changer on her record player and she played the 33 RPM recordings at 78 RPM so the whole opera went much faster than usual. The whole thing took about six minutes.  
It was fantastic! Was this the same sweet, shy little girl he had first bumped into at the "Mambo Madhouse" going about 80 MPH as she swung her  
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Kathy Sergel sports her Triumph TR3.

Sergel and Hampson  
Participate in Sports Event

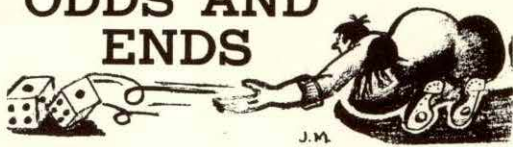
SECTIONS

Have you submitted your  
nominations for the COL-  
LEGE QUEEN contest?

How Many  
Teachers?

"Every child is a separate complete organism...every child is an individual...every child is a distinct personality. . . a group of children should not be treated as one unit but as many separate parts."  
These and other similar thoughts assail our ears from the moment we enter Newark State as freshmen until we leave with our diplomas in our hands. We are taught to teach and to regard each child as an individual and to teach him as such.  
If this is true (and is there anyone so brave to doubt the word of a professor?), then we are going about the training of teachers in the wrong manner. Also the teacher shortage is even more severe than one thinks.  
For, in a class of 26, there are 26 individuals, each ready to do a different phase of the work. Is one teacher, then, enough? Shouldn't we have 26 teachers in that classroom, one for each student, so that each student can be assured of being regarded as an individual?  
Is one teacher enough to cope with 26 different organisms? Can she cope with their varied interests? Can she handle each one in such a manner so that the "oneness" will not be lost in the group? Little Johnny may not be in the least bit interested in reading while his classmate, Mary, may like nothing better than to sit down with a good book such as "The Prince" by Machiavelli or something light like "Andersonville".  
In such cases, would it not be wise to have a separate teacher for each child? Each child would therefore be taught when he was ready, and he would not lose his individuality. We would have a populus of individuals.  
This is a pressing problem indeed - one that calls for careful thought. But don't spend too much time thinking this problem over. Worry more about the coming events. Exams start in six weeks!  
P.S. No matter how individualistic the children may be, Newark State grads can handle them. After all, Newark State turns out nothing but the best.

ODDS AND  
ENDS



April in Newark, magnolias in blossom, holiday tables under the - under the what? Well, April in Newark, this is the feeling, no one can ever reprise. Can't you just hear the strains of the music to these lyrics? It's just this feeling which permeates the air at State, everyone is saying it, it's just too April to do anything. Nevertheless, events are happening as usual.

Rings and Bells

On April 21, Harry Rice, Junior 5, was married to the former Marian Mac Donald of Glen Ridge. . . another one of the selected few is Phyllis Rheubottom '57 who became engaged to Ernest Taylor of Neptune, New Jersey. . . also, Rita Litwak '59 is now engaged to Hank Katchen, of the United States Navy. . . congratulations!

Sororities

Nu Sigma Tau is planning its annual Mother-Daughter Banquet. . . Nu Theta Chi is also having a banquet for mothers and daughters at the Military Park Hotel. . . Delta Sigma Pi recommends favorably "The Dairy of Anna Frank". . . Sigma Kappa Phi members will entertain their mothers at their annual banquet to be held on May 14, at the Robert Treat Hotel.

In General

Oh yes, what is this about the frosh planning a Parents' Night? We'd like more news, please. . . members of Norms Theater Guild thought the production of the Broadway stage hit "The Lark" just wonderful. . . Words of thanks - although it has been mentioned before, Jo Rappa, president of the junior class, wishes to extend her personal gratitude and give special recognition of thanks to Joan Collins, Joan Dante, Rosemary Sandry and others who worked especially hard in the production of the very fine junior class show.

A Memory . . .  
The Ocean in April

In April a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of fishing, golfing, and baseball. With the trout season well under way, and men just raring to try their skill, a girl has no other choice than to take an interest in the sport or at least pretend she is interested in it.  
I've always thought of April as the time of the year to ride down to the shore and take notice of the beauty of the ocean. I did take a ride down to the shore but not to watch the beauty of the ocean.  
When we arrived at the shore, I was handed a fishing rod, a can of worms and a hook. We hopped into a boat and were off to -- heaven knows where. When we were far enough away from shore, my escort proceeded to explain the preliminaries of fishing to me. Things were all right until I was informed that I had to pick up a worm (in my hands) and put it on a hook. Being well on the way to sea sickness already, even the word WORM nauseated me, to say the least. In due time the WORM was placed on the hook but not by me (that was one battle won).  
I dropped the hook, worm, and all into the water and was told to sit quietly. (Can't scare the precious fish, you know.) The waves were jerking the boat to and fro and with each jerk I was getting sicker and sicker. Being convinced that I had caused enough trouble I decided to sit and not say a word.  
Three hours had past and by this time I was bored stiff. I was just about ready to scream when a faint voice murmured, "Isn't this fun?"  
That's all I needed. I stood up in the boat in an effort to protest but before I had a chance to say anything the boat turned over. There I was in the middle of the ocean holding on the side of the boat for dear life.  
We finally turned the boat right side up and got in. Being full of water, we started to bail it out with our hands. Two hours later we arrived at shore, soaked to the skin, missing two fishing rods, a couple of cans, and those ever precious WORMS.  
This is one memory of "The Ocean in April" that I won't forget for a good long time. Too bad it had to be such an unpleasant one.

Coming Events

- April
- 27 Reflector Deadline
- May
- 3 All College Carnival
- 4 No fifth or sixth hour classes
- 5 Junior Prom
- 10 Conference for co-operating teachers
- 17 and 18 Music-Art Festival
- 20 Reflector Boatride
- 21 Kappa Delta Pi Picnic
- 24 Kappa Delta Pi installation of officers





Dr. Wilkins works with a will as he digs in the first shovelful of new college earth.



Mr. F. Edward Biertuempfel, Mayor of Union



Miss Margaret McCarthy, President of Student Organization of Newark State.



Three students and a visitor toasting the new college.



Mr. Ernest Shawcross, President of Newark State Alumni Association



Procession on its way to the ground breaking site.

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their organizations, the majority of non-members at least admit some contribution. Taking all of the responses to this question, we may note that a quarter of the group indicates "much" contribution, sixty per cent "some", and only fifteen per cent "none."

The kinds of benefits mentioned most commonly were social and recreational. Members listed more specifics than non-members in terms of benefits. The social returns were indicated by eighty-five respondents, recreational by eight, charitable by nineteen, and leadership by six among the sorority members submitting returns.

The majority of students - seventy-four against fifty-two - felt that the benefits and values derived from sorority life could be obtained from other forms of student organization and activity: the minority (mostly members) felt that they could not. One student expressed the opinion that if the college provided a more active social life for its students, sororities would be less needed.

## Sororities and Morale

Are sororities the cause of any loss of morale and discontent among students? Indicating much, some or none in response to this question, the students expressed themselves as follows:

TABLE III: SORORITIES AS CAUSE OF DEMORALIZATION

Class	Members			Non-members		
	Much	Some	None	Much	Some	None
*55	0	12	33	5	19	15
*56	1	9	22	1	5	9
*57	0	1	27	3	16	27
Totals	1	22	82	9	40	51

Of the 205 questionnaire responses to this item, it is to be noted that only ten students (5%) attributed much loss of morale to sororities. Sixty-two students (30%) thought that there was some loss of morale due to the sorority system. But sixty-five per cent, 133 students, could not assign any loss of morale to sorority causes.

Again the differences between members and non-members in these responses is significant. Worthy of note is the fact that in the non-member group, fifty-one women felt that the sororities caused no demoralization while forty-nine felt that they did.

## Sororities in the Balance

In the construction of the questionnaire it was deemed necessary to include a question that would involve the respondent in a process of weighing the good and the bad in the sorority system. Question thirteen proved to be the choice of the group, with the answers hereby tabulated.

TABLE IV. SORORITIES AND THEIR RESULTS

Class	Members			Non-members		
	Good	Bad	No Opinion	Good	Bad	No Opin.
*55	40	2	3	26	9	12
*56	23	3	6	7	1	10
*57	26	2	1	34	7	11
Totals	89	7	10	77	17	23

Members as well as non-members of sororities find that in balance sororities do more harm than good. Numbering twenty-four, they make up only eleven per cent of the group responding. Fifteen per cent had no opinion. But seventy-four per cent, 166 students, hold the view that there is more good than bad in sororities, this number including seventy-seven who were not members.

## The Question of Changes

A study such as this would hardly be complete without giving students an opportunity to express themselves with respect

to changes and improvements in the operation of the sorority system in the college. Question fifteen invited the expression of views on matters of increased control of sororities. Responses will be found in Table V.

TABLE V. MORE REGULATION?

Class	Members			Non-members		
	Yes	No	No Opin.	Yes	No	No Opin.
*55	4	32	9	9	14	23
*56	3	25	4	1	4	13
*57	1	20	8	2	24	23
Totals	8	77	21	12	42	59

Of those students with opinions on this question, those who oppose increased regulation and control outnumber those who favor it by six to one. A small minority favors additional regulations, twenty students to the 119 opposing. It is to be noted that in the non-member group, a majority possess no opinion. Of all respondents, fifty-four per cent are in opposition to additional controls.

Somewhat more decisive is the opinion with respect to the abolition of sororities.

TABLE VI. SHOULD SORORITIES BE ABOLISHED?

Class	Members			Non-members		
	Yes	No	No Opin.	Yes	No	No Opin.
*55	2	35	8	6	21	19
*56	5	24	5	1	6	11
*57	0	26	3	3	32	15
Totals	7	85	16	10	59	45

In the whole group, the "no opinion" view is shared by twenty-seven per cent. But there are 144 students (65%) opposed to the abolition of sororities, with seventeen students (7.6%) in favor of abolition. In this case, those opposed to abolition outnumber those in favor seven-to-one.

As policies, increasing regulation of sororities or undertaking their abolition would have a very small base of support in the student body. The majority of non-members with opinions on the subject would oppose either policy. Manifest in the responses of sorority members is indignation at the mere question of abolition.

Beyond the two specific questions concerning changes in the operation and status of sororities at Newark State, students were invited to suggest improvements and to comment on changes. Responses ranged from "I think the present system is very desirable" to "delete" the sororities. Some students would broaden the membership of the sororities, and some proposed an increase in activities. One or two complained of cost, yet two others thought that sorority houses would help.

Quite a few students expressed the need for more support and cooperation from the college in the operation of the sororities. Some felt that advisers should take a more active role, while an equal number proposed dropping the advisers completely. One senior member wrote: "No sorority should have an adviser who is not in favor of sororities." Several comments along similar lines suggest that students have the feeling that their sorority adviser is not always in favor of sororities.

Views critical of and favorable to the present initiation process counteracted each other. Likewise, opinions on the rushing system were mixed. A stronger Inter-Sorority Council is favored.

One non-member '55 felt that "All sororities show discrimination." Whereas there was no support of that viewpoint in the comments, a number of students protested discriminatory practices and urged a more democratic selection of members.

There was no large body of opinion in favor of any one specific change. Not typical but perhaps indicative is the view expressed by one senior member: "I enjoy my sorority very much. I like the girls and the things we do together. I see no room for any changes."

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More than one shovel is needed to allow Mayors, the Alumni Association President and the President of the College to get into the act.



Peg McCarthy lends a hand to the proceedings.





College glee club under the direction of Mr. Jack Platt.



Mayor Biertuempfel breaking ground.



Dr. William H. West, Union County Superintendent of Schools.



Audience during the glee club's rendition.



Dr. Eugene G. Wilkins, President of Newark State Teachers College welcoming the guests and introducing the speakers.

# Student Poll

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## Student Comment

These are a few student responses chosen at random.

Member '55 - "I believe sororities and fraternities help to give the school 'spirit'."

Member '55 - "Sororities are not so influential as to worry about their advantages and disadvantages."

Member '55 - "If the administration should decide to abolish sororities, I'm afraid the blow to student morale and spirit would render it practically non-existent."

Member '55 - "Sorority life should be a part of every college program and we should continue having it."

Member '56 - "I think the way sororities and fraternities are being judged is unfair."

Non-Member '56 - "In a commuting college sororities help to hold together various groups of people for enjoyment and mutual interests."

Member '57 - "I think I enjoy college life much more because of my sorority activities."

Member '57 - "I feel that college life as such is lacking here. A sorority seems to give most students a lift."

Non-member '57 - "I don't think these organizations mean too much here - just another club."

Non-member '57 - "I am purely indifferent to sororities. If I wish to enjoy the friendship of certain girls, we get together anyway and do not have to be bound together."

Non-member '57 - "Sororities and fraternities do no harm; they help form the basis for many lasting friendships, help students to get along with other people, appreciate responsibility."

Non-member '57 - "Sororities are a good way for single girls to meet boys since N.S.T.C. has so few boys. I would have joined for the social life but it was unnecessary since I'm engaged."

It should be added that sorority members were by and large more vocal than non-members. The bulk of the "no opinion" responses noted above in the various tables was to be found in the non-member group. A close examination of the free comments on the questionnaires will reveal quickly the depth of conviction possessed by the sorority member. Sorority members are strongly, sometimes aggressively, in favor of the system from which they derive pleasures and values. Where non-members are found in opposition, they lack the intensity of feeling associated with the partisanship in favor of sororities.

## Exclusion Hurts

One of the more persistent charges in criticism of sororities at Newark State is that the members hurt those they exclude when they pledge their new members. Question three, four and five in the questionnaire were designed to get at this question. Are the women not invited to sorority membership disappointed, and if so how much? The question was a direct one, and it was directly answered. Since no one signed her name, pride was not involved, and reasonably frank responses were probably secured. They are tabulated below.

A small minority is "much" disappointed; almost a third are "some" disappointed. The majority recall no disappointment.



Coffee hour following the ground breaking. The day was cold and the coffee was a marvelous break.



Leaving the platform for the short walk across campus to the site.



Mr. Nicholas La Corte, Mayor of Elizabeth.

## Famous Last Words



TABLE VII: NON-MEMBER DISAPPOINTMENT

Class	Degree of Disappointment			
	Much	Some	None	No Opin.
'55	4	10	19	3
'56	0	6	9	0
'57	1	15	18	3
Totals	5	31	56	6

% of the 98 responding  
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Indifference to the sororities is a more commonly expressed feeling than resentment based on exclusion. One non-member in the class of '57 "hardly knows that the sororities exist." Another was of the opinion that anyone could join who wanted to. Several students expressed the thought that while there was no

harm in the sororities, there was little good. No student complained of snobbishness; "it is no problem here," as one stated it. Non-member '57 offered the comment "that for those who do not belong (to sororities) they do not feel left out, for they still get along with those who are in sororities and are just as friendly." While one member "imagined" that to be left out of the sorority group was "terrible," another thought "that those who belong to sororities really enjoy them, but those who do not belong certainly do not seem offended. They are not made to seem the most important thing in college life and this is good."





Frosh rehearse lines from their show to be presented May 3.

## Frosh Show Thursday, May 3rd; Parent Preview Planned

Red, white, and black elephants, ponies, and giraffes pranced on the walls as the freshmen and their dates whirled across the floor at the freshman dance. Pat Cuccolo, a member of the Frosh class, supplied the music with his 5 piece band. Maria Fraga and Frank Brockman sang well known songs throughout the evening.

The highlight of Carousel was the crowning of the queen who was selected by a special committee of freshman boys. The title was bestowed upon Phyllis Schonberg, a member of section four. Phyllis, in a lovely turquoise green party dress, received a bouquet of red roses from President Frank Brockman and then led the "Grand Dance" with her escort Vince Meola.

Special recognition is to be given Nancy Schoron who with the aid of a group of freshmen was responsible for all the arrangements and plans as well as the decorations. Dr. Whiteman, Dr. Wilkins, Mr. and Mrs. Fink, Mr. Zweidinger and Dr. Hutchinson were the chaperones for the evening.

### Frosh Parents' Night

The agenda for Frosh Parents' Night, which will be held on the evening of May 1, is in the process of being organized. Letters of invitation from the President of the college will be sent to each student's parents. Following a preview of the Freshman Show, the parents, students, and faculty members will gather in the gymnasium for refreshments and to get better acquainted.

### Frosh Show

On May 3, the freshman students will present their show "Sailors AWOL" to the student body and faculty. Rehearsals are now being held every day after school and all participants are expected to attend. Notices for all rehearsal schedules are being posted on the second floor bulletin board.

## Ideas to Hold First Session

The Ideas meetings, which met with such success last term, are being resumed this year under the direction of Mr. Fink, the group's founder. The first meeting of the semester will take place on Monday, April 30, at which time Dr. Thomason will present his views on "The Problems of Translation", a subject of intense interest to him.

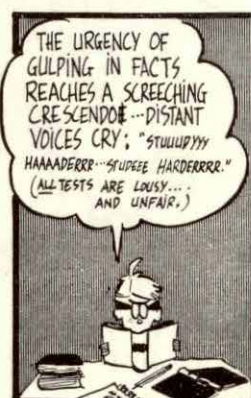
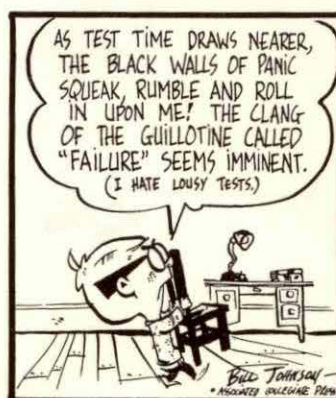
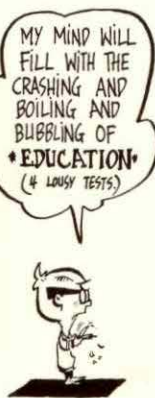
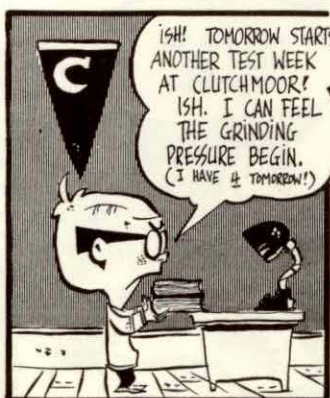
Although in the past only selected students received written invitations to these sessions all students are now invited to attend. The purpose of these discussions is to provide a forum for free expression and interchange of opinion. Each week an upperclassman or professor is invited to speak on any topic of his choice. The range of subjects may vary from Accomplished Artists to Zoroastrian Zeal. These meetings are one of the many opportunities our college offers to students interested in broadening their intellectual horizons.

## College Plans Art Festival

One of the most ambitious and promising programs ever attempted by the numerous clubs of the college will be presented this May. In the assembly of May 17th and on the evenings of May 17th and 18th, the Glee Club, Orchestra, Dance Study Club, Norms and the newly formed Alumni Chorus will unite their efforts in the production of Fred Waring's Song of America.

As a musical interpretation of the development of our country from its discovery to the Civil War, its dynamic message of a glorious but hard won heritage has won wide acclaim in the musical world.

Under the direction of Mr. Jack Platt, the performance on Thursday night will be open to all parents and friends of the students of Newark State. On Friday night, a special appeal to alumni has been made to foster an Alumni Night, but all are invited to come out for the two performances. It is hoped that the entire student body will contribute in the selling of tickets, and support the efforts of the college by coming out for the performance on one of these nights and bringing their parents and friends.



# Student Organization Selects Officers; Jo Rappa to Head Student Council



Dr. Othman speaks to College Forum on Arab position.

## Arab-Israeli; Series Underway

Because of the unusually large attendance at the last college forum meeting the group was forced to abandon room 27, their accustomed meeting place, in favor of the more spacious room 29. Once there, students scrambled for seats, brought their own, or sat on the steps to hear Dr. Othman, Public Liaison Officer of the Arab States Delegation to the United Nations, speak on the topic of the Arab view of the Arab-Israeli Question.

Their efforts were rewarded with a well delivered and highly informative presentation of the Arab position. Dr. Othman was of the opinion that since the Arab people had constituted the majority of peoples living on the land that is now Israeli from time immemorial, those Arabs who had been made homeless by the Zionist government would never accept an agreement which did not provide for their repatriation in their rightful homeland. Interest in discussion was so heated at the close of the period that many of those assembled disregarded the bell which was to have ended the session and drifted back to room 27 for continued debate with Dr. Othman.

As we go to press the college forum plans to have Judge Joseph H. Lerner present the Israeli point of view on Tuesday, April 24. Judge Lerner has been a magistrate in the Newark courts and honorary president of the Essex County Zionist Council. As such he is completely familiar with the cultural, economic and political achievements of the State of Israel and the problems which confront it. He has been in frequent contact with Congressional leaders and with the State Department.

## Newman Breakfast Well Attended

At the last meeting of the Newman Club, Father Hourihan, older brother of Kathleen Hourihan '56, gave an extremely interesting talk on schooling for the deaf. He showed the different symbols used in this type of training and recited an entire prayer in sign language. He also spoke of a project that the Newark State girls are carrying on at the Bruce Street School for the deaf.

On Sunday, April 22, the members of the Newman Club sponsored a Communion Breakfast. The members and visitors went to 9:00 A.M. Mass at the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Then, at 10:00 A.M. breakfast was served at the Sorento. The speaker, Father Egan of Boys' Town, delivered a most interesting talk. There was entertainment by Joe Pica on the piano, and Anthony Alercio (a Seton Hall graduate) was the soloist.

There was a good showing of

The newly elected officers of the Student Organization are as follows: Jo Rappa was elected student government president for the coming school year. She is now the president of the junior class. Bridget Ascolese was the chairman of the sophomore show and was elected vice-president of the student organization. Leslie Buskin was voted into the secretarial office while Barbara Ebner will be assistant treasurer to Jerry Man next term.

For the benefit of the students a section of the Tudor room bulletin board is being reserved for faculty absence notices only. In this way students will be notified if one or more of their instructors will be absent and their class canceled.

Besides the effort of planning for the Spring Carnival to take place on May 3, the student council's executive committee is working on the improvement of the annual honors assembly previously referred to as recognition day.

## Wapalane Club To Take Trip

The tudor room was the scene for the meeting of the Wapalane Club on April 16. The program for the evening included the showing of slides taken on the weekend in December which the members spent at Stokes State Forest and the election of officers for the ensuing year. The new officers are Catherine Tedesco, President; Judy Taylor, Vice-president; Maria Arato, Corresponding Secretary; Anna Gerow, Secretary and Josephine D'amato, Treasurer.

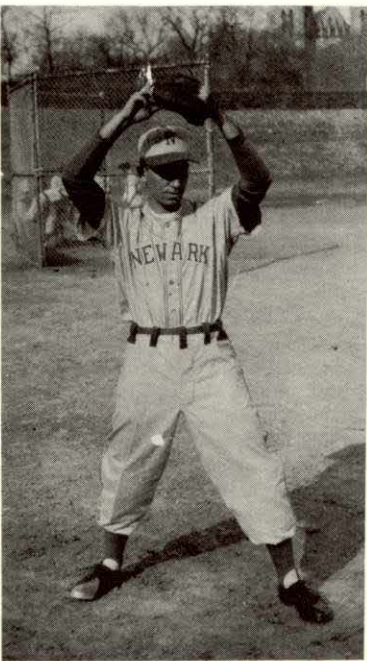
The group also viewed a film on conservation called "Resources Limited". This was followed by a discussion on the spring weekend to be held at Lebanon Forest on April 27, 28, and 29.

Newark Staters in attendance with John Greco as Master of Ceremonies.



Newman Club meets to hear Father Hourihan speak on Education of the deaf.





Bob Giacobbe



John Morello



Doug Cisco



Don Wilson

# Gym Sports The Glass

## Tennis Anyone??

Are you interested in playing tennis? If so you should join a newly formed group organized to give those interested in playing the chance to improve their game. If you know nothing about the game and are interested in learning to play, join. Good tennis players are in the group so you'll get good instructions if you join. Everyone is welcome.

The group is informal now. When it started it was supervised by Mr. Zweidinger, who gave instructions on the fundamentals. Now the group is completely on its own. They meet for practice on Monday - 7th period, Tuesday - 5th period, Wednesday - 5th period, Thursday - 2nd period and Friday - 3rd and 6th periods. Now they practice in the gym, but it is hoped that when the Branch Brook Park courts open a tournament can be organized for those interested.

## Deck Tennis

The deck tennis tournament attracts the most competition of any sport at Newark State. It brings together teams from all grades who compete against each other in this interesting and very likeable game. It always becomes the battle of the classes.

Sheets will be posted soon for the people who want to participate in order that they might sign up. Men will play singles and women will play doubles. So girls, choose your partner and don't forget to sign up. Mr. Zweidinger hopes that the people who sign up for the tournament will watch the progress of play in order to avoid unnecessary delays in completion of the competition.

## Women's Basketball

During the 1955-56 season the Women's Basketball Club won six and lost two of their scheduled games. This record shows the capabilities of the team despite only once-a-week practices. Only under the tutelage of Elsie (Bunny) Schneider their coach and Mrs. D'Angola their faculty advisor could the team have made this accomplishment.

On the court as well as at the post-game social gatherings the girls were true Newark Staters.

Leaving this year will be Peggy McCarthy, Arlene Porter, and Flo Meehan, graduating members of the club, who for four years have participated in the club's activities.

At their final meeting officers were elected for next season. Heading the group at that time will be Trina Di Martino, president, assisted by June Deiter,

Well, the 1956 baseball season is underway, and the "Glass" sees the Newark State nine looking very good in the first four opening games.

The first game was played against the National Aggies at Doylestown, Pennsylvania, which State lost 9-4. Jerry Paradiso banged away three hits for Newark, while Ray Giacobbe smashed two singles. In the fifth inning, Art Russomano hit a triple which brought home two runs, but it wasn't enough to stop the barrage of Aggie hits.

April 14 was the day of the State-Jersey City Junior College double header, in which each took one. Newark exploded in the first game to win by a score of 11-4. Walt Cymanski was the winning pitcher. In the second game State pitcher John Gutjahr, got off to a bad start with a three-run homer by Bill Fraud in the first inning. John went on to strike out 12 Jersey City men, but State was able to bring in only one run. The final score was 3-1.

Bob Giacobbe took the mound against Bloomfield College and allowed but five hits. State didn't get a hit until the eighth inning when they started to slack, getting five runs. The big hit of the day was by John Morello in the ninth, driving in a couple of mates. The final score was Newark eight, and Jersey City, three.

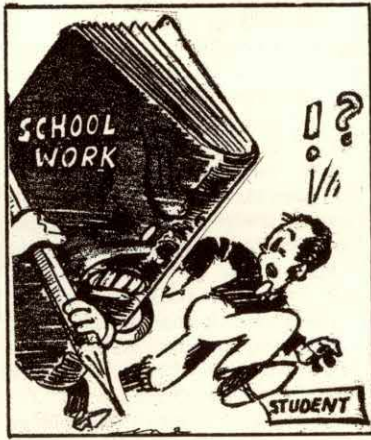
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## Music-Mania

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hips locomotive style to the lilt-ing strains of "The Wreck of the Cha-Cha Choo-Choo?!"

Anyhow they are so enthused about this new discovery that Rocky is planning to surprise Rita on her birthday with the sequel to Tosca about Tosca's little daughter, Toscaninni. . .



vice president, Flo Witkos and Elaine Nelson, secretary and assistant secretary respectively.



JOHN MORELLO



Jerry Paradiso

## Reflecting Jerry

One of Newark State's most consistent ball players is Jerry Paradiso. For the past two years, Jerry has played outstanding baseball while wearing a State uniform. Now as a member of the class of '57, he can look back and see two years of batting in the .340's and superb coverage of the second base area. Baseball has been in Jerry's blood even before he learned to spell the word. By the time he came to high school, Jerry had proven to be outstanding in the world of sports. Newark's Central High School was very proud of their 5'6" All-Stater. To be chosen on the all-state baseball team is a very fine honor afforded to very few. Those picked for all-state honors must truly exhibit fine sportsmanship and outstanding baseball talent. The sports-writers who chose Jerry must have really known their business. During that same year, Jerry was elected to the all-county and all-city baseball teams.

Jerry's baseball playing continues far beyond his high school days. For the past three years, Jerry has played semi-pro ball with Montclair B.B.C., where his yearly average came to about .320. He has also played with various other teams around this area. As most men in the college, Jerry holds down a part-time job with the Sunshine Photo Service, the proprietor being a "paisan" of the "Glass".

Jerry's free time is spent in idolizing Frank Sinatra. He is truly an authority on all Sinatra records and all Sinatra movies. Ever since last summer, Jerry's social life has been associated with Ann Balogh, a Newark State junior. Most people have hobbies or favorite pastimes, but as this reporter looks at Jerry, he feels that his favorite activity is "laughter". Jerry is well-liked by all who know him and is very popular on and off the field. Being as modest as he is talented, it was very hard for this reporter to get all the facts on Jerry's activities, but I would like to say that one would have to go a long way to find a fella with that personality plus that Jerry has.

Jerry is confident that the team will make a good showing this season.



Ray Giacobbe



Paul Heintz



Bill La Russo



Art Russomano